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DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or the below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **VMP-LIKE SEQUENCE OF PATHOGENIC BORRELIA SPECIES AND STRAINS**, the Specification of which:



I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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PRIORITY APPLICATION(S)			Priority Claimed
60/435,077	USA	December 20, 2002	YES
(Number)	(Country)	(Date Filed)	Yes/No
PCT/US2004/041182	WIPO	December 23, 2003	YES
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below or any PCT international application(s) designating the United States listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to

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disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, which become available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: NONE

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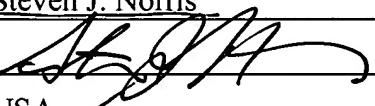
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**ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73**  
**AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of record of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as set forth below, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventor.

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints all attorneys or agents associated with Customer Number 32425, each of whom is an attorney or agent with the firm of FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI L.L.P., as its attorney or agent, for so long as they remain with such firm, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive any Letters Patent.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment to Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, referenced below, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

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